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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Gary F Paumen

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-31 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 15,22-25,29 and 30 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 16-21,26-28 and 31 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: ____.

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Claims 1, 5, 21, 28 and 31 are objected to because of the following informalities: in claim 1, line 10, "so that" should apparently be -- wherein --. In claim 5, line 1, -- the -- should be inserted after "wherein". Claim 21 should depend from claim 20 due to the recitation of the receptacle strip. Claims 28 and 31 should depend from claim 26 due to the recitation of the first portion and the second portion. For purposes of examination these claim dependency changes have been deemed to have been made. Appropriate correction is required.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 15-17, 22-25, 29 and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Taylor 5277620.

Disclosed (Figure 7) are elongated body 12, receptacles (outlets) 30,32, U-shaped line management device (utility line holder) 70, and stand (support structure) 56. The two parallel arms of 70 could be considered the first and second line management devices of claim 16. The opening defined by 58,60,62 could be the opening of claim 17.

Claims 1-14 are allowed.

Claims 18-21, 26-28 and 31 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: none of the prior art of record, particularly Taylor, discloses or teaches a utility connection station having 1) a retractable U-shaped line management device, 2) a stand having first and second retractable arms, 3) a receptacle strip movable from a stowed internal position.

The other references cited on Form 892 disclose multiple-receptacle connectors and/or wire management devices.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gary F Paumen whose telephone number is 571-272-2013. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Paula Bradley can be reached on 571-272-2800, ext. 33. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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